

Request for Section 508 Exception

<u>Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act</u> requires that all Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) products and services developed, procured, used or maintained by the Federal Government conform to the <u>Section 508 standards</u>, unless an exception applies. The Section 508 exceptions (listed in §1194.3) are strictly defined by law, and very rare. All <u>requests for exceptions</u> must be approved by the VA Section 508 Coordinator.

Instructions: Exceptions may only be requested by VA government personnel. To request an exception, complete this form and submit it to Section508@va.gov. *Please allow 30 days for review.*

Contact Information

Requiring Official Name: Joshua Striker

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To which VA component do you belong?: OVA @VHA OVBA ONCA

General Information

Product Name: Serious Educational Games

Product Version Number:

Product Description: Crash Cart, Choosing Wisely, Tele-ICU, PPE App, and Goals of Care

Is this product in the One-VA Technical Reference Model (TRM)? OYes ONo ©N/A Include the URL, entry number, or search terms used to locate this product's TRM entry.

Project Information

Is this exception requested for EIT used in a PMAS project? OYes

No ON/A Project Manager Name: Joshua Stirker

Project Manager Phone Number and E-mail: 407 531 6141 joshua.striker@va.gov

Which increment is your project in? Deployment phase

When is the date of your next increment? N/A the games are ready for distribution to staff

Exception Requested (choose only one)

- O National Security (if selected, contact VA Section 508 immediately at <u>Section508@va.gov</u> or 202-461-0508)
- O Undue Burden
- O Contractor Incidental
- Fundamental Alteration
- O Back Office



Alternative Means

If you selected Fundamental Alteration or Undue Burden, you are still required to make your information and data accessible to and usable by people with disabilities even if one of these exceptions applies. Describe how you will make your information accessible, including the funding and other resources currently committed to doing so.

Because the crash cart is tailored toward each VAMC (154 of them) it would be impossible to build individual handouts that would contain items in the drawers since the drawers can be configured to meet the individual needs of each of the 154 hospitals. The cost would be 1.5 times the cost of the project to make it compliance.

Narrative: Exception Justification

Provide a detailed narrative as to why this exception is being requested. Include information about other products that were considered for your work, and why you are ultimately requesting a product that does not meet the Section 508 standards.

Serious Educational Games are designed by contractors because no existing product exists that satisfies the training gap. The games are designed for nurses (Med Surg, Charge nurses, etc...) and Physicians that work with patients in emergency rooms or other aspects of the hospital.

This exception is: Approved ODenied Signature for Section 508 Coordinator: PATRICK M. SHEEHAN 105498
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VA Requiring Official Name:
I <u>understand the constraints</u> associated with the Section 508 exception that I have requested, certify that those constraints apply to my purchase or use of technology.
Signatures

Rationale for approval or denial of exception:

*Dated 08/03/15 (all other versions of this document are obsolete)

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